

ELLESMORE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for 1925.

To

The Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Ellesmere.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you, my Annual Report for the year 1925 as Medical Officer for the Rural District of Ellesmere.

Area 51,115 acres.

Population 8,078.

No. of inhabited Houses 1752.

Rateable value £62,193.

Sum represented by a penny rate £245.

No. of separate occupiers 1739.

VITAL STATISTICS. The number of births was 144 - being 76 males and 68 females. This gives a birth-rate per thousand of the population of 17.80, a higher figure than the previous year when the figure was 15.5.

Illegitimate Births numbered 9; 4 males and 5 females; also a higher figure than for previous year.

The number of Deaths, after allowing for inward and outward transfers numbered 96, being 55 males and 41 females. This gives a death-rate of 11.8 per thousand of population. This is a higher figure than last year, but is still good, as last year's figure (8.9) was exceptionally low. The chief causes of Death:- Heart Disease 17, Malignant Disease 15, Influenza 3, Tuberculosis 2, Diphtheria 1, Bronchitis 5, Pneumonia 5.

INFANTILE MORTALITY. There were seven deaths of infants under 12 months old, giving a rate per thousand births of 48.6.

Under this heading I wish to point out the fact that under the County Council, there is a "Maternity and Child Welfare Centre" in Ellesmere, held once a fortnight.

At this centre any expectant mother, and children under 5 years old are seen and given advice. This is of inestimable value and should reduce Infantile Mortality and improve health of population.

PREVALENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES. The following cases of infectious disease occurred in the District:- 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 cases of Diphtheria and one case of Puerperal Fever, 3 cases of Pneumonia, 4 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

CAUSES OF SICKNESS. No outstanding cause. Minor outbreaks of Influenza occurred.

SANITATION. The Sanitary Inspector did all disinfecting, etc., in a satisfactory manner. The Inspector made the necessary inspections of Factories, Laundries, and workshops, and found their condition satisfactory, being all clean and well ventilated.

During the previous 5 years, the health of the District has steadily improved; there has been an improvement in housing accommodation. Water Supply which is chiefly from wells has been satisfactory and only one complaint of water supply has been received in the 5 years.

Arrangements have been made during this period with Shrewsbury Isolation Hospital to take any infectious case which cannot be properly isolated at home.

Food inspection is done by Sanitary Inspector. Refuse is chiefly buried in District.

Taking the District as a whole I consider matters dealt with above to be satisfactory.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. ROGERS.

